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Date: 9/17/2024 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

Arrival: 9:00 AM **Departure:** 2:20 PM

CCLC-36295

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Quality Rated: ★ ★

Compliance Zone Designation			Compliance Zone Designation - A summary measure of a program's 12 month monitoring history, as it pertains to child care health and safety rules. The three compliance zones are good standing, support, and deficient. Good Standing - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. Support - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules. Deficient - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.
09/17/2024	Licensing Study	Good Standing	
05/02/2024	Complaint Closure	Good Standing	
04/24/2024	Complaint Investigation & Licensing Study	Good Standing	

Ratios/License Capacity

Building	Room	Age Group	Staff	Children	NC/C	Max 35 SF.	35 SF. Comp.	Max 25 SF.	25 SF. Comp.	Notes
Main	A- 1st Left	Infants	2	3	C	21	C	NA	NA	Nap,Feeding
Main	B- 2nd Left	One Year Olds	2	3	C	16	C	NA	NA	Floor Play
Main	C- 3rd Left	One Year Olds and Two Year Olds	1	5	C	21	C	NA	NA	Art
Main	D- Activity Room	Four Year Olds and Five Year Olds and Six Year Olds and Over	2	10	C	0	NC	0	NC	
Main	E- 1st Right	Two Year Olds and Three Year Olds	2	9	C	22	C	NA	NA	Centers
Main	F- 2nd Right	Three Year Olds	1	6	C	25	C	NA	NA	Music
Main	G- 3rd Right		0	0	C	25	C	NA	NA	
Main	H- 4th Right		0	0	C	27	C	NA	NA	
Main	I-5th Right		0	0	C	36	C	NA	NA	
Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 193					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 246					
Total # Children this Date: 36					Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 246					

Building	Playground	Playground Occupancy	Playground Compliance
Main	Playground A: Infant Toddler	19	C
Main	Playground B: Preschool	96	C

Enrolled Children						
Under 1 years	1 years	2 years	3 years	4 years	5 years (Prekonly)	5 years and older
4	8	7	25	57	0	0

Comments

The purpose of this visit was to conduct a Licensing Study.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 09/17/2024

Any rule violation which subjects a child to injury or life-threatening situation or any rule violations previously cited but not corrected, may result in the imposition of an adverse enforcement action. Serious or continued noncompliance may also jeopardize participation in one or more DECAL program(s).



Please refer to the website, <http://www.dec.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx>, for information regarding October 1, 2018 rule changes about Criminal Records Checks that may affect your facility. In summary,

- New records checks will be required to be completed if a staff member experiences a six month break in service from the child care industry
- New clearance is required at least once every five years
- Any staff member solely responsible for supervising children will be required to have completed a comprehensive background clearance
- All staff members are required to have completed at least a national fingerprint based clearance check
- Any staff member with only the national fingerprint based clearance, must be under constant and direct supervision of a staff member with a satisfactory comprehensive records check clearance
- Facilities are required to use DECAL KOALA for Criminal Records Checks, including to verify portability of an employee

O.C.G.A. Section 42.1.12(i)(2) requires Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning to notify licensed child care programs on accessing and retrieving from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's (GBI) website a list of the names and addresses of all registered sexual offenders. Please see GBI's website located at <http://gbi.georgia.gov> to access the Georgia Sex Offender Registry.

Refutation Process:

You have the right to refute any of the citations noted in this report with which you disagree. To refute a citation(s), do the following:

- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA www.decalkoala.com with the userid for your program
- 2) On the home page scroll down to the Inspection Reports and select 'Refute Citation' for the visit report in dispute
- 3) Select the specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the rule citation, and upload supporting documentation
- 4) Submit the refutation in DECAL KOALA to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

Your refutation will be forwarded to the appropriate CCS manager, who will follow up with you about your concerns. If you have any questions about this process, contact our office at 404-657-5562.

Bright from the Start recommends that all licensed child care providers carry liability insurance coverage sufficient to protect its clients. If you do not have this liability insurance, you are required to post a notice with ½ inch letters in a conspicuous location in the program, notify the parent or guardian of each child in care in writing, obtain their signature to acknowledge receipt and maintain this written acknowledgment on file at the program at all times while the child attends the program and for 12 months after the child's last date of attendance. (O.C.G.A. Section 20-1A-4)



Important Quality Rated/CAPS Update:

As January 1, 2022, child care providers must be Quality Rated to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Newly licensed, or new to CAPS providers may be eligible for the new CAPS/QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward a star rating.

Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or qualityrated@dec.al.ga.gov for more information. Free technical assistance is available!



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(Findings Report)

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

Activities and Equipment

591-1-1.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)

Met

Comment

A variety of equipment and toys were observed throughout the center.

591-1-1.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)

N/A

Comment

Center does not provide swimming activities.

Children's Records

591-1-1.08 Children's Records

Met

Comment

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

Facility

591-1-1.06 Bathrooms

Met

Comment

Bathrooms observed to be clean and well maintained.

591-1-1.19 License Capacity(CR)

Met

Comment

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

591-1-1.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1.25(13) requires that potentially hazardous equipment, materials and supplies be stored in a locked area inaccessible to children. It was determined based on observation that in classroom C the drawer under the changing table, that contained plastic bags, gloves, Dawn dish soap, and disinfecting spray, was accessible to the children.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will identify all hazardous items and keep them in a locked area inaccessible to children. The Center will inform all Staff about hazardous items and the safe storage of those items.

Correction Deadline: 9/17/2024

Recited on 9/17/2024

Correction Deadline: 5/10/2024

Corrected on 9/17/2024

.25(3) - The previous citation of the center not being kept clean, free of debris and in good repair was observed to be corrected on this date in that the center was observed to be clean throughout.

591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.26(9) requires the playground to be kept clean, free from litter and free of hazards, such as but not limited to rocks, exposed tree roots and exposed sharp edges of concrete. It was determined based on observation that on Playground A on the left side there is astroturf that is ripped and crumpled causing a tripping hazard.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will remove any litter and fix or remove hazards from the playground and will routinely monitor the playground and remove litter and hazards.

Correction Deadline: 9/24/2024

Food Service

591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition

Met

Comment

Bottles were covered and fully labeled with child's full name.

Comment

Center menu meets USDA guidelines.

Comment

Infant feeding forms were updated regularly.

591-1-1-.18 Kitchen Operations

Met

Comment

Kitchen appears clean and well organized.

Health and Hygiene

591-1-1-.07 Children's Health

Not Met

Finding

591-1-1-.07(5) requires Center Staff to not permit children to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifiers or other hazardous items. It was determined based on observation that one out of three children in Room B had a pacifier attached to their clothing.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will instruct Staff regarding this safety requirement.

Correction Deadline: 9/17/2024

Recited on 9/17/2024

591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)

Met

Comment

Proper diapering procedures observed.

591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)

Met

Comment

Proper hand washing observed throughout the center.

591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)**Met****Comment**

Documentation for medication dispensing observed complete.

Policies and Procedures**591-1-1-.21 Operational Policies & Procedures****Met****Comment**

Program observed complete emergency drills

Safety**591-1-1-.05 Animals****N/A****Comment**

Center does not keep animals on premises.

591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)**Met****Comment**

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed.

591-1-1-.13 Field Trips(CR)**N/A****Comment**

Center does not participate in field trips at this time.

591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)**Not Met****Finding**

591-1-1-.36(4)(b) requires that the interior of a transportation vehicle be clean, in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could cause injury. It was determined based on observation on vehicle PVJ9183, that on the front of the vehicle in a crate that was unsecured was a fire extinguisher, a funnel and paperwork, and on the back of the vehicle in an unsecured crate was the emergency triangles that could cause injury if the items were thrown about the vehicle as a result of a collision.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The center will maintain that all transportation vehicles are clean, in safe repair, and free from hazards.

Correction Deadline: 9/17/2024**Recited on 9/17/2024****Sleeping & Resting Equipment****591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)****Met****Comment**

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

Comment

The correct number of mats, sheets and blankets were observed on this date. Cleaning and disinfecting of mats was discussed with the director on this date.

Staff Records**591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)****Met****Correction Deadline: 4/24/2024****Corrected on 9/17/2024**

.09(1)(a) - The previous citation of staff not submitting both a Records Check Application to the Department and Fingerprints to an authorized fingerprinting site was observed to be corrected, in that all staff had filed both the application and registration with a fingerprinting site.

Correction Deadline: 4/24/2024

Corrected on 9/17/2024

.09(1)(c) - The previous citation of staff not having a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination was observed to be corrected on this date in that all staff had current determination letters on file.

591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records Check(CR)	Met
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Comment

Director provided seven file(s) for employees hired since last visit.

591-1-1-.14 First Aid & CPR	Met
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Correction Deadline: 5/24/2024

Corrected on 9/17/2024

.14(1) - The previous citation of missing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a triennial training program in first aid.was observed to be corrected on this date in that all staff listed as missing the certifications had current certifications on file.

591-1-1-.33 Staff Training	Defer
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Correction Deadline: 5/24/2024

Corrected on 9/17/2024

.33(3) - The previous citation of staff missing the health and safety orientation training was observed to be corrected, in that the documentation for all staff listed as missing was found to be on file.

Correction Deadline: 5/24/2024

Corrected on 9/17/2024

.33(4) - The previous citation of missing nutrition training for the Director was observed to be corrected on this date, in that a current certificate was observed.

Defer

591-1-1-.33(5)-The previous citation of missing annual training will be deferred until the first visit in 2025 where 2024 trainings will be observed.

POI (Plan of Improvement)

The Center will plan and schedule the required 10 hours of annual training each year and follow up to ensure the training is completed.

Correction Deadline: 1/1/2025

591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)	Met
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Comment

Staff observed to be compliant with applicable laws and regulations.

Staffing and Supervision

591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)	Met
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Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)	Met
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Comment

Staff observed to provide direct supervision and be attentive to children's needs.